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I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:33 a.m. in the Hudson Conference Room, 6th floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey by Board Chair Dawn Hall Apgar.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:

Dawn Hall Apgar, Ph.D., LSW (Chair)
Maureen Braun Scalera, MSW, LCSW (Vice-Chair)
Michelle Borden, MSW, LCSW, CSWM, DRCC
Patricia McKernan, MSW, LSW
Deanna Sperling, MS, RN
Philip McCabe, CSW, CAS, CDVC, DRCC
Lisa Cox, Ph.D., LCSW
Paul J. St. Onge, Esq.

Absent:

Elizabeth Manley, MSW, LSW
Carolyn Bradley, Ph.D., LCSW, LMFT, LCADC

Also attending:

Jodi Krugman, Deputy Attorney General
Carmen Rodriguez, Deputy Attorney General (for a portion of the meeting)
J. Michael Walker, Executive Director
ToniAnn Petrella-Diaz, Government Representative

Announcement of Quorum

Board Chair Dawn Hall Apgar announced the presence of a quorum at 9:33 a.m.

In accordance with Chapter 231 of P.L. 1975, more commonly referred to as the Sunshine Law, adequate notice of this meeting was provided by mailing to the Office of the Secretary of State, The Star Ledger, The Trenton Times, The Record and The Courier Post.

III. REVIEW OF MINUTES

A. November 18, 2015 Public Session Minutes

Upon motion made by Ms. Braun-Scalera, and seconded by Dr. Cox, the Board voted to approve the November 18, 2015 minutes as presented. Voting in favor: all.

IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Walker discussed with the Board the Assembly Bill 4702.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public were present.

VI. REVIEW OF CLINICAL SUPERVISORS' CREDENTIALS

A. Miriam Breitowitz - Rachel Teichman is approved for Ms. Breitowitz' supervisor.

B. Lauren Bugh - Nancy Spargo is approved for Ms. Bugh's supervisor.

C. Laura Hollander - Ms. Hollander has an expired LCSW in New Jersey, and would need to reinstate, not apply for licensure. Ms. Hollander should submit a certification for every job held, send a current curriculum vitae, and complete a reinstatement form.

VII. VOTE ON CANDIDATES PROPOSED FOR CERTIFICATION/LICENSURE

Upon motion made by Ms. McKernan, and seconded by Dr. Cox, the Board approved all of the following candidates as qualified for LCSW, LSW and CSW based on review of their application documents and in accordance with the Statute and Regulations and subject to review in the cases of pending criminal history background checks.

LCSW APPLICATIONS:

Criminal History Background Check - COMPLETED:

Laurel J. Bertram
Kristin A. Brennan
Helen Castiglione
Katiria M. Cobian
Deirdre M. Comey
Amy Fernandes-Major
Leiora R. Freedman
Julie M. Goldsmith
Torrey L. Harrison
Seth O. Herman
Shari L. Hurst
Rita M. King
Victor H. Llerena
Jill E. Portaro
Larry Rimbort Jr.
Rachel Rosenbaum

Brandi L. Sheridan
Meredith D. Shufeld
Rochel Sternhein
Kacie Welsh

PENDING CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECK:

Cheri A. Caruso
Tara Eileen Castellini
Blue G. Chevigny
Christopher E. Diviaio
Shannon L. Gibson
Kimberly M. Gilroy
Juliet K. Hughes
Ghassan A. Kraytem
Tram T. Luu
Margaret G. Masterton
Jenna R. McCook
Arielle L. Milsted
Bashie Reiss
Pnina Spector-Shleifer
Cheryl L. Stashkevetch
Samantha M. Stuerze
Naomi F. Sturat
Jennifer N. Swan
Heather L. Thompson
Nicole B. VanHessen
Melissa Weisel

LSW APPLICATIONS:

Criminal History Background Check - COMPLETED:

CRIMINAL HISTORY PENDING

Aamodt	Cassandra	D.
Erbig	Emma	C.
Feldmann	Barbara	A.
Garritano	Leora	J.
Hillback	Geoffrey	S.
Kahn	Danielle	B.
Martin	Courtney	A.
Martinez-Metz	Patricia	E.
Mayers	Virginia	B.
Puma	<u>Angela</u>	
Salomon	Marne	L.

Shivers

Kate

R.

CRIMINAL HISTORY PENDING

Attonis	Michelle	N.
Byrd	Leyla	M.
Carraher	Ashley	J.
Chance	Sarita-Truly	
Claudio-Sykes	Elyse	C.
Cohen	Caroline	R.
Davis	Michelle	
Dowling	Reyna	
Esendir	Stephanie	A.
Faustin	Debra	
Fierro	Catherine	A.
Gallagher	Meghan	N.
Hannold Lopez	Andrea	D.
Kramer	Avigail	
Lapp	Diana	M.
Litwinowicz	Katarzyna	
Liu	Shannon	P.
Lusty	Patricia	G.
McLaughlin	Julianne	R.
Mir	Jesse	A.
Monts	Jordan	L.
Moss	Erin	K.
Pratt	Joel	J.
Reyna	Erwin	J.
Rodriguez	Tara	B.
Roselli	Ashley	R.
Scacco	Christopher	E.
Schwartz	Peter	D.
Schwartz	Isaac	
Snyder	Sean	E.
Urgiles	Viviana	C.
Weinrech	Erin	N.
McClew	Jeanette	
Oliver	LaTonya	
Williams	Joseph	G.

CSW APPLICATIONS:

Criminal History Background Check - COMPLETED:

Elena Antokhina

Gina M. Boscaino

YaJaira Colon
Louise M. Donohoe
Grace A. Gordon
Joel T. Peterson
Heather L. Piekarski
Yolanda R. Shelton
Danyell T. Smith-Ekhaguere
Cortney N. Wortman
Cassandra F. Wright

Criminal History Background Check - PENDING:

Tamera J. Bell
Jessica D. Costello
Lola Crosby
Camille Cuentas
Grazyna A. Jarmosiewicz
Carrie A. Kovalsky
Kathryn R. Mennen
Jose A. Morales
Claudia C. Ninadela Rosa
Rasheedah T. Riddle
Merrideth J. Trocano
Keona E. Wright

VIII. CORRESPONDENCE

No items to review.

IX. OPEN DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

Elliot Z. Halberstam

Mr. Halberstam's Consent Order signed and filed on November 24, 2015. His LCSW application will be placed on hold pending the outcome of his criminal investigation.

X. REGULATIONS COMMITTEE

A. Assembly Bill 4702

The Board reviewed Assembly Bill 4702, which provides that if a minor appears to have been sexually assaulted, health care professionals in addition to physicians, may authorize forensic sexual assault examinations and urgent medical care without parental consent.

Upon motion made by Ms. McKernan, and seconded by Ms. Braun-Scalera, the Board voted to support the concept of the bill with the following comments:

- *the language seems overly broad concerning what a non-medical licensee may do and may allow actions that conflict with a licensee's scope of practice*
- *the potential exists to create conflicts with other health care professionals, e.g. between physicians and other healthcare workers*
- *it raised questions about liability issues concerning unhappy parents or guardians*
- *the actions must still be within the licensee's scope of practice, education and training*

B. Regulations Committee

A draft of the proposed regulations will be brought before the Board for the January 13, 2016 meeting.

XI. MEETING DATES FOR 2016

January 13, 2016 - Hudson Conference Room

February 10, 2016 - Monmouth Conference Room

March 9, 2016 - Hudson Conference Room

April 13, 2016 - Hudson Conference Room

May 11, 2016 - Monmouth Conference Room

June 8, 2106 - Hudson Conference Room

July 13, 2016 - Hudson Conference Room

August 10, 2016 - Hudson Conference Room

September 14, 2016 - Monmouth Conference Room

October 19, 2016 - Monmouth Conference Room

November 9, 2016 - Hudson Conference Room

December 14, 2016 - Hudson Conference Room

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Public session closed at 9:55 a.m. and the Board moved to executive session upon motion by Ms. Borden, seconded by Dr. Cox. The Board re-entered public session at 4:05 p.m. upon motion made by Ms. McKernan, and seconded by Mr. St Onge, to adjourn the meeting by unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Hall Apgar, Ph.D., LSW
Chair